

Miami-Dade County
The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC)

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Chairman
Monthly Meeting
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, 19th Floor Conference Room
April 22nd, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Introductions and Roll Call

II. Board Members Present:

Dr. Thomas Breslin; Dr. Maria Delores Espino; Marcos A. Kerbel (arrived at 2:40 pm); Santiago Leon; Dr. Kenneth Lipner; Jose A. Lopez-Calleja (arrived at 3:07 pm); Dr. Raul Moncarz; Dr. Pedro F. Pellet; Dr. Brian Peterson; Reinaldo Valdes (arrived at 2:27 pm); Dr. Bernadette West (arrived at 2:10 pm); and Retha Boone

Members Excused:

Subrata Basu; Dr. Elisa S. Moncarz; Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo; Dr. Robert Cruz; and Juliana Velez

Members Absent without Excuse:

Mr. Jesus Permuy; and Roberto Saco

Visitor:

Rosa Gilbert, Office of Commission Auditor

Staff Present:

Manuel A. Armada, Robert Hesler and Helen Rodriguez

III. Approval of the Minutes – February 26, 2016 and March 25, 2016

Dr. Thomas Breslin moved to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2016. **Dr. Pedro F. Pellet** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

Dr. Thomas Breslin moved to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2016. **Jose Lopez-Calleja** made reference that he sent an email excusing himself from this meeting. Correction will be made accordingly. **Dr. Maria Delores Espino** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

IV. Chairperson's Report - Dr. Raul Moncarz

Dr. Raul Moncarz: On Monday, April 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., there will be a ceremony at the Faculty Club of FIU honoring Dr. Brian Peterson's years of service as he will be retiring from FIU. He asked all Council members to try to attend.

V. General Discussion Items

➤ **Affordable Housing/Community Land Trust – Dr. Brian Peterson**

Dr. Brian Peterson: He met with Commissioner Jordan's staff and found out that the Commissioner's staff is already working on this and it seems that something might happen. It won't be coming from her, but from other members in the commission within the next two months, legislation regarding community land trusts, inclusionary zoning, low income housing provided along with market rate housing and incentives for builders providing this. Feels there is some constructive movement happening to bring affordable housing and it was recommended by Mr. Ragin and Mr. McKinney that the council members talk to Commissioner Levine-Cava and Commissioner Suarez to get them on board with this project. The only thing the Commissioner did not like in our proposal is that it is written for a non-profit organization 503c and hers was internal through the county with direct oversight.

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Dr. Raul Moncarz: Was very appreciative on how this project is moving forward. They also spoke about the Allapattah project and they feel that there is interest there as well.

Manuel A. Armada: Stated that Commissioner Jordan's staff encourages the council members to attend the Chairman's Council for Prosperity Initiatives and the County Commission's Economic Prosperity Committee.

Dr. Raul Moncarz: He encouraged the council members to attend these meetings.

➤ **AJSEDC Sunset Review – Manuel A. Armada**

Manuel A. Armada: Stated that the AJSEDC Sunset Review Questionnaire is done every two years and the council needs to approve the current submission and have it reflected in the minutes for today's meeting. It will then be sent to the Director of our department with a copy to the Chairman and Mayor. The report gives a brief history of the council, achievements, attendance logs and the legal history. The only thing currently missing are the minutes from this meeting. If this report does not submitted you could have the council Sunset.

Santiago Leon: Made reference that under May 2015 that there is no mention of the Healthcare Seminar which was on June 5, 2015 noted. Requested that more detailed information should be noted as to the date and place where the seminar took place. **Dr. Maria Delores Espino:** Stated that the report should be moved forward today and that from this point forward we should include the Yes, No and excused absences for meetings attended. **Dr. Raul Moncarz:** Stated he is very pleased on how the report came out and now feels obligated to do more for the council.

Dr. Maria Delores Espino moved the motion to approve the AJSEDC Sunset Review Questionnaire. **Dr. Pedro F. Pellet** seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

➤ **Antonio Jorge Foundation Scholarship – Dr. Raul Moncarz**

Dr. Raul Moncarz: Indicated there is \$1,900 in the scholarship fund account.

It was decided among the council members to restrict the scholarship to the following majors: Economics/Finance; History; Public Affairs and Business. Strike out language for freshman and sophomores and to require the students to submit an essay, when applying along with their transcripts and their GPA. Also that a committee be established for the scholarship foundation consisting of Santiago Leon; Retha Boone and Dr. Bernadette West. **Dr. Bernadette West:** Stated she will be preparing a website for the foundation and by next month the website will be up and running. **Dr. Raul Moncarz:** Stated that he would like to see additional scholarships offered from FIU, UOM or other universities in Dr. Jorge's name. Several council members discussed this in length.

➤ **Update on the Input/Output Model – Dr. Pedro F. Pellet**

Dr. Pedro F. Pellet: Stated that he didn't have the table of the inverse multipliers. He has the methodology and is ready to present that, but the results are not there yet. Staff will attempt to provide what he needs.

➤ **Case for Expanded Bus Rapid Transit for MDC – Discussion among council members**

Dr. Brian Peterson: Stated that this report should be sent to all county commissioners letting them know this work has already been done. It was decided by the council members to prepare a letterhead template for the Dr. Jorge Antonio with the names of all members to the left of the letterhead. **Jose Lopez-Calleja** made a motion to move this item forward to the Commissioners. **Retha Boone** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by group vote.

➤ **Discussion: Council Membership/Vacancies – Dr. Kenneth Lipner**

Dr. Kenneth Lipner: It was decided by all council members that if a council member does not attend after three consecutive meetings an automatic letter from staff will be sent asking the council member to reaffirm their commitment to the Council. If we do not receive an explanation, the council member will be removed.

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➤ **Miami-Dade Economic Conditions – Manuel A. Armada**

Mr. Armada had to leave for the day so Robert Hesler went over the Data Flash report on Wage and Growth Comparisons for MDC and Florida Industries: 2014-15 as well as Black-Owned Businesses in Miami-Dade County. Several council members discussed amongst themselves these topics.

➤ **New Business/Issues of Interest**

Nothing was discussed for this item.

➤ **Public Comments**

Nothing was discussed for this item.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.**

Marcos Kerbel moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Dr. Pedro F. Pellet** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

Next SEDC Council Meeting Date: **May 27, 2016. Committees: May 13, 2016.**

The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council Mission

To improve the quality of life of all residents of Miami Dade County by providing the County Commission and Mayor with timely, objective, transparent, and thoughtful advice on significant social and economic issues. The Council aims to pursue a balanced perspective among economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability, both in the short and long term.